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1. US favors removing Berlin case from SC agenda--The Department of State has instructed the US delegation to the UN to seek British and French agreement to early withdrawal of the Berlin case from the Security Council agenda. Citing a virtual western commitment to the USSR last May to strike the item from the SC agenda once the blockade had been lifted, the Department believes that such action would be helpful as an expression of three-power assumption that Soviet agreement to end the blockade had been made in good faith and will be carried out. The Department concludes that if the USSR reimposes the blockade, the western powers could bring the matter before the SC a second time with greater political effect than if they merely revived a dormant item.

2. Imminent Rhee-Chiang talks on Pacific pact--Commenting on the imminent arrival of Chiang Kai-shek in Korea, President Rhee informed US Ambassador Muccio in Seoul of his belief that a broad grouping of Asian nations, established primarily to oppose Communist aggression, could not fail to win eventual US support. Rhee explained, however, that he would not commit himself to a narrow pact with the Philippines and Nationalist China and would exercise care in his conversations with Chiang. Muccio believes that the Rhee-Chiang talks probably will not extend beyond the exploratory stage.

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3. BOLIVIA: Union of anti-government factions--the two militant political parties in Bolivia (the nationalist MNR and the leftist PIR)

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have signed a formal agreement to join forces

the PIR is not anxious to stage a coup now, but may be forced to accede to MNR's desire to seize the government as soon as possible.

(CIA Comment: Effective cooperation between the MNR and PIR would represent a real threat to the present government, which has been gaining strength slowly since the MNR's abortive coup in May. Although it appears unlikely that these extremist parties can stage a successful coup at this time, the disorders planned for 4 August could be the first skirmish in an eventually successful effort to overthrow the existing moderate government. Both the MNR and the PIR are strongly anti-US.)

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